THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

WRIT PETTION NO.23143 OF 2006

BETWEEN:

Syed Nauqui Abid HassanKazmi and others

…Petitioners

vs.

Government ofA.P. rep.by its principal Secretary, UrbanLand Ceiling Department, Hyderabad

..Respondent

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ORAL ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for Assignment for the sole respondent.

The singular grievance in this writ petition is as to the inaction of the respondent in disposing of the petitioners' application for exemption/regularization of excess land under the Urban Land Ceiling and Regularization Act,1973 in terms of the orders of the Government in G.O.Ms.No.456 dated.29-07-2002. The petitioners submitted an application on 31-03-2006 for regularization of excess land. Each petitioner has also paid an amount of Rs.11,22,000/- towards the fee stipulated therefor in G.O.Ms.No.456. It is the complaint of the petitioners that for over eight (8) months now the respondent has not disposed of their applications.

The learned Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the sole respondent submits on instructions that the Special Officer, Urban Land Ceiling has sent up a report on 22-09-2006 to the sole respondent and the sole respondent is in the process of considering the application of the petitioners. In the light of the report sent up by the Special Officer,. the consideration of the petitioners' application under G.O.Ms.No.456 for regularization of excess land is not a subject of such complexity or arcanity to require much time particularly in the context of the fact that the Special Officer has processed the application and a report sent up. It is the occupational hazard of every decision maker to take a decision and expeditiously.

In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent to expeditiously and in any event within a period of seven (7) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order, consider and pass appropriate orders and communicate the same to the petitioners in respect of their application dated.31-03-2006 under G.O.Ms.No.456 dated.29-07-2002. In the circumstances no order as to costs.

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GODA RAGHURAM,J

17th NOVEMBER 2006

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